

## Commission to Establish Suggested Sentences for Felonies

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The commission for establishing suggested sentences for felonies was created by the Sixty-Third session of Legislature. It consisted of 13 voting members appointed by the Governor, from specific sections of government and society. The Director of the Department of Prisons and the Chief Parole and Probation Officer are ex-officio members of the Commission. With the department of parole and probation, the commission was to develop statistical information describing sentencing in the state, and to specify the factors with respect to which it required such information.

The role of the Commission was to establish a range of suggested sentences for felonies and a system for determining which range of punishment applied to each offender based on the extent and nature of the offender's history of criminal conduct, the severity of the crime and other factors the commission deemed relevant. All sentences suggested by the Commission must be within the minimum and maximum limits prescribed by the applicable statute.

### Records

**Commission Files**    1982-1989    1 c.f.

This single box of the commission's file consists of agendas and minutes of the quarterly meetings and work sessions, as well as related materials and publications from other states.